

# BASEBALL BILL BURNS GETS IN LINE AND SIGNS. BASKETBALL NEW YORK STATE CHAMPS CHALLENGE. TRACK CRACK ATHLETES PRIMED FOR MEET.

## BURNS SIGNS AT LAST

Nationals' Twirler Comes to Terms with Cantillon.

CLYDE MILAN ALSO IN LINE

Walter Johnson Arrives in Galveston and Looks to Be in Fine Shape. Hard Practice Ordered for To-day. Real Game Against Houston Saturday—Bloomfield for Minneapolis.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Galveston, Tex., March 4.—The hold-outs are all in line. Manager Cantillon had a few words in private this afternoon with Bill Burns and Clyde Milan, and both those worthy athletes affixed their John Hancock to Washington contracts for 1909.

Walter Johnson was also interviewed, and aside from one or two technical details, he is already on the Washington list.

The only ones outside the breastworks are Deleahanty and Ganley, and while Cantillon is not worrying about Deleahanty, he is confident that a heart-to-heart talk with him will produce results as valuable as those obtained to-day.

That ban in Cleveland sticks in Deleahanty's craw and may keep him without the fold for some time, but the California outfit business does not look so bright since Johnson and Burns have signed, and Deleahanty may take a more liberal view of the case.

There was no practice to-day, the men being too stiff and inefficient, as the result of their long ride, to take an interest in active athletics, but there will be two hard sessions to-morrow unless something unforeseen happens.

Johnson has been pitching on the Coast and looks in excellent shape. For that reason he will probably be one of the pitchers worked against Houston Saturday and Sunday.

Through a mix-up in the names, Bloomfield, the Coast phenom, failed to get his transportation. Blankenship considers him good material for Minneapolis, with Washington as a final resting place, and Cantillon will send him a ticket to Galveston.

Street to Be Regular Catcher.

According to all reports from the Nationals' training camp, Charley Street, the star backstop whom Manager Cantillon secured last season, will be looked upon to do most of the work behind the bat this year.

Unless something dire befalls the former Pacific Coast backstop, it is the intention of the manager to use him in every game of the schedule. Street's great desire to work in every game made him more than popular with the management and the fans last season, and the determination to show him at every performance is right in the line of the youngsters' thoughts. Unlike most catchers, Street goes high in the air when he is batted for a single day, and it is this desire to work that has found its way to Manager Joe's heart.

Mike Enloe on the Job.

Despite the many and current rumors that Mike Enloe, the veteran, would not be on the job again this year, he is very much in evidence, and will be given charge of all the young phenoms. Mike knows the game with the best in the country, and should be a big help to the new members of the Nationals' pitching staff.

As soon as practice begins, the two coast stars, Ray and Cronin, will be turned over to the veteran for the initial tryouts. Bill Rapp, who lives here in Washington, is also a member of the squad, and from his work in the Southern League last year there is every indication that he will be the running mate for Charley Street when the season opens.

Bloomfield, the alleged pitching find which Blankenship has unearthed, is the latest addition to the squad, his arrival completing the cub roster of the club. In point of promising young twirling material, Cantillon seems to have a margin on any of the big league teams.

Bob Ganley, who captained the team on the field last season, is still in charge, but rumors are cropping out in all directions that it is the intention of the management to place an infielder at the helm, English seeming to be the choice for the position.

Ganley's Experience Helped.

Last year Ganley proved the only man on the pay roll who had sufficient major league experience to handle the team in a fitting manner, and for that reason the time-worn custom of an infield captain was overstepped. This year the situation is a trifle changed, for with all three

sacks covered by old-timers there should be but little difficulty in following the custom.

Cantillon refuses to confirm the report that he will not be with the Washington team next season, saying that it is too early to give that much consideration. He asserts, however, that his brother Mike is very anxious to have him give up the management of the locals and go West to look after large mining lands in which the pair are jointly interested.

## SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

By BILL BAILEY

A New York dispatch says: "The officials of the Jockey Club have been quite busy in the last ten days with two meetings. At both gatherings the order of business was: 'Meeting called to order,' 'Meeting adjourned,' 'Bing!'"

The difference, says an exchange, between Ban Johnson and Harry Pulliam is: Ban went out and dug up a league, while the National League went out and dug up a president.

Alexandria is getting to be a great sporting town. They have a food fair and two crabs tournaments, all going at the same time.

"The Itching Hour"—Between 10:30 and 11:30 o'clock at night, when you are hungry and thirsty and are compelled, to stick to your desk.

We'd say something about that new necktie of Ray Brennan's if Ray wasn't touchy about such things.

Mike Thompson is in our midst once more. Mike will referee the Georgetown indoor meet as only Mike knows how. Glen Warner has also been appointed one of the officials.

But Bob Ganley wished he had kept right on to Houston instead of standing in two feet of water in the midst of a crowd of suffragettes and other representative citizens while the parade floated by yesterday afternoon.

The snowstorm but adds zest to The Washington Herald's guessing contest on the Nationals' line-up. Coupons continue to pour in to the sporting editor. Get busy, baseball fans; no time like the present.

Watch for The Washington Herald's four-page pink sporting section next Sunday, brimful of baseball, boxing, racing, and other news of interest to the followers of sport.

## PLAN OUTDOOR MEET.

Preps to Hold Spring Games on Georgetown Field.

The Georgetown Prep track management is planning to hold a big spring meet. The success of the recent triangular affair pulled off in the Ryn gym is directly responsible for the latest development, and it might be added that with the even more efficient facilities which are available at Georgetown for an outdoor meet, the proposed games will surpass those which were held on the inside.

It is the intention of the management to send invitations to all of the local and near-by high and prep schools. Should this event prove as attractive to the athletes as did the previous affair handled by the Georgetown youngsters, it is more than probable that the best school boy talent in this part of the country will be found in the various competitions.

It is planned to have a twenty-event programme. Another feature which appealed strongly to the athletes in the last meet and which will again be a prominent factor in the spring games is the relay events. With crack teams from Tome, Episcopal, and the local high schools this feature should prove one of the most attractive events on the proposed programme.

## LUSH IGNORES HARVARD.

Yale Coach Picks All-collegiate Basketball Team.

New Haven, March 4.—Billy Lush, Yale's baseball coach, to-day gave out his selections for an all-collegiate basketball team. He said:

"In picking an all-collegiate basketball team I must, of necessity, restrict myself to naming only members of Eastern colleges. For the best all-around group of first-class players I can see no better than Columbia. The team is the unquestionable champion among the Eastern colleges. The Columbia line-up is as follows: Miltzer, right forward; Klend, left forward; Ryan, center; Cernal, right guard; and Kimble, left guard.

"The line-up of my second team would be as follows: Kelnath, Penn., left forward; Cushman, Yale, right forward; Van Vleck, Yale, center; Kiefabre, Penn., right guard; and Yeeder, Princeton, left guard. In this selection it may seem as if I had ignored Harvard altogether, but the truth is that no player who represents Harvard merited recognition."

Joe McGinnity has landed a good franchise in his purchase of the Newark club, of the Eastern League, and all the baseball world will wish him the best of luck. The list includes Rube Marquard, Bill Bradley, Earl Moore, "Dode" Paskert, Lajoie, Pitcher Smith, of Washington; Tommy Leach, Elmer Flick, Joe Deleahanty, Glenn Liebhart, Jim Deleahanty, Louis Evans, of St. Louis Nationals; Jimmy Austin, of New York Americans; and Jim McGuire. It is admitted by the Cleveland writer, however, that Lajoie, Moore, and Liebhart are Clevelanders by adoption.

## THE WASHINGTON HERALD BASEBALL CONTEST.

The following is my selection of the line-up and batting order of the Nationals in their first championship game of the season with the New Yorks:

### BATTING ORDER.

NAME.	POSITION.	Season Ticket, good for grand stand seat at all home games, to person presenting the first correct answer.
1.....		Contest opens February 25 and closes Saturday, April 10.
2.....		Write plainly and address all selections to Sporting Editor, THE WASHINGTON HERALD.
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## FORMER GRID STARS HERE NEW YORKERS CHALLENGE

Heffelfinger, Butterworth, and Others to See Taft.

Eddie Dillon, Glen Warner, and Mike Thompson Also Among the Celebrities.

Among the Yale men here to see the inauguration of President Taft yesterday were five famous old football stars, the most prominent of whom was "Pudge" Heffelfinger, of Minneapolis, the giant guard of the early '90s; also Billy Hickok, Yale, '93; Frank Butterworth of '95, the famous full back, and Don McBride, of Cleveland, another full back two years later, and Rex Flinn, of Pittsburg, a noted half back of 1905.

Yale was not the only college represented by a gridiron star. Eddie Dillon, the sensational quarter back at Princeton for the past three years, was noticed in the crowd, also Glen Warner, the Carlisle Indian coach, and Mike Thompson, professor of Washington College, formerly of Georgetown, the well-known referee. Hub Hart, McGittikan, and dozens of others who helped to make football history at Georgetown were on hand to witness the pageant.

## BASEBALL NOTES AND COMMENT

Chick Fraser has been pitching ball almost as long as Cy Young.

The Reading club, of the Atlantic League, would like to get Roy Thomas for manager.

The Eastern League schedule meeting will be held at the Victoria Hotel, New York, to-day.

The St. Louis Browns average thirty-four years of age, according to a St. Louis writer with the team at French Lick.

Jack Ryan has not yet reported to Boston at Hot Springs. He probably hates to tear himself away from the fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

Pittsburg has taken Catcher Simon from the Boston Nationals in exchange for Shortstop Charley Starr. Simon caught for Cedar Rapids last year.

Whitman, the Boston American out-felder released to Portland, Ore., has been sold to the Montgomery (Ala.) team, of which Ed Greninger is the manager.

By a greater majority than the original bill, the new Broyles bill to permit Sunday baseball passed the Indiana house. The vote was 36 to 23.

Roger Bresnahan will probably purchase the release of Jim Burke, Louisville manager. Burke will play third base for St. Louis if the deal goes through.

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If George Browne makes good with the champion Chicago, it will not reflect upon George Dove's judgment, because Browne was of no use to the Boston team so long as he was dissatisfied, and all the time longing for a chance to get away.

William Curtin, the owner of the Sacramento club, compares Harry Hooper, the Boston Americans' new outfielder, favorably with Bill Lange and Ty Cobb. Curtin flies high, but Boston fans will rejoice if a second Bill Lange comes their way.

It has become quite a fad to engage an old catcher to coach young pitchers. New York has Wilbert Robinson, Cleveland Jim Maguire, and the New York Americans Charley Farrell. Jim McAleer maintains that Lou Griger will be worth what he cost for his ability to develop young pitchers.

If Mike Donlin and his wife, Mabel Hite, are making the money credited to them in vaudeville, it is not to be wondered that Mike balks at signing a New York contract short of \$8,000. Whether John T. Brush ought to pay that salary is another question. Report says the Donlin vaudeville team is getting \$1,000 a week, probably an exaggeration.

Cleveland, it is claimed, sends out more major league ball players than any city in the country, besides a host of minors. The list includes Rube Marquard, Bill Bradley, Earl Moore, "Dode" Paskert, Lajoie, Pitcher Smith, of Washington; Tommy Leach, Elmer Flick, Joe Deleahanty, Glenn Liebhart, Jim Deleahanty, Louis Evans, of St. Louis Nationals; Jimmy Austin, of New York Americans; and Jim McGuire. It is admitted by the Cleveland writer, however, that Lajoie, Moore, and Liebhart are Clevelanders by adoption.

Forty-third Separate Company Team After Basket-ball Games.

Visitors Will Be Here Until Sunday, and Are Eager for the Fray. Their Line-up.

The Forty-third Separate Company has hot-bat team, of Glen, N. Y., recognized as the champions of Central New York State, through Manager Chamberlin, wish to challenge any basket-ball organization in this city or Baltimore, a military team preferred.

The New Yorkers have been together all winter, and have cleaned up about everything in sight in their territory. The Forty-third Company marched in the inaugural parade, and will remain in Washington until Sunday morning, so this will leave to-night and Saturday open for engagements.

It is up to the Conventions or Engineers or the Y. M. C. A. to get busy, and find out just the stuff of which the New Yorkers are made.

Manager Chamberlin can be reached at the Central Union Mission, in Pennsylvania avenue, the headquarters of the company, and the visitors are fairly itching to get into the game. Now, don't all speak at once.

Following is the line-up of the team: C. Chamberlin, left forward; R. Chamberlin, right forward; G. Duke, center; J. Duke Kline, left guard; Birdsell, right guard.

## "AGGIES" WANT GAMES.

Reserves in Line: Hope to Form Fast Team.

The Aggies, reserve team of the Department of Agriculture, is anxious to book games with teams in the District and vicinity. The Aggies hope to secure a franchise in the Independence League this season, and the boys are being put through rigid practice daily on the Mall.

Practice games have been booked with the strong Advent Club for March 18, and an April date has been arranged with the Brookland team of the Capital City League.

Games with the Aggies address A. A. Ormsby, manager, care of the Department of Agriculture.

## START PRACTICE TUESDAY.

Advent Athletic Club Baseball Candidates to Report.

The Advent Athletic Club, of the Independence League, will hold its first baseball practice on McDermitt's Field, Rhode Island avenue and Second street northeast, next Tuesday at 5 o'clock, and all former members and those desiring to try for positions will please report.

With the acquisition of several high school stars, the Advents hope to land the championship of Class B last year.

The Advents will play their first practice game against the Department of Agriculture reserve team on March 18, and are anxious to book games with other amateur organizations in the District and vicinity. Address John Marlow, manager, 430 Florida avenue northwest.

## Helpful Johnny.

Johnny loved his papa, there was no doubt about that, and one morning, after he had listened to a long disquisition from the author of his being, addressed to his elders, on the general usefulness of the vernacular appendix, ending up with the broad statement that he hoped he'd see the day when every appendix in creation was cut out, the little boy resolved upon an agreeable surprise for his daddy. He worked in secret for several days, and then sprang it.

"See what I have done for you, daddy?" he said, leading the wondering father into the library, and showing him a neat pile of many pages which he had accumulated. "I've cut the appendix out of every book in this library."

It was then that words failed, and Johnny's father's vocabulary made a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors.

## "Old Glory"

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## READY FOR BIG MEET

Athletes Primed for Georgetown Games To-morrow.

## NORTHERN COLLEGIANS HERE

Yale, Carlisle, Cornell, and Princeton Teams in Town—Cooke, Winner of Pole Vault at Last Olympiad, Will Meet Tiger Crack-Georgetown Races Virginia for Title.

Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, and Cornell rosters arrived in the city yesterday by the scores and their presence was felt by the large number of inaugural visitors, as the collegians made their presence known through the many college yells, flags, snake dances, and the like.

To-morrow evening the track teams from these universities will contest in one of the greatest Southern athletic meets, given annually by Georgetown University. The battle for the point trophy promises to be the closest fought here in years, and at present Princeton is favored to win over her rivals, as the Tigers have a score of star athletes entered in the games, each one of whom has been winning his respective event in previous meets this year with comparative ease.

The Yale runners, jumpers, and hurdlers think otherwise, and claim the representatives of old Eli will sweep the boards.

## Champion Vaulters Competes.

Cornell has its star all-around athlete, Cooke, who last summer broke the Olympic record in the pole vault. Cooke is going after the all-around National championship this year, and his meeting with Bredemus, of Princeton, the present champion, at the Georgetown games will be closely watched. Cornell arrives in town this morning, and Coach Moakley expects his men to win the big two-mile relay championship from Yale and Pennsylvania to-morrow.

The Carlisle Indians caused quite a stir in town yesterday. Glenn Warner had his men in charge all during the day, and after viewing the parade the red men were taken to their hotel, where they were sent to bed at an early hour. The Indians are booked to meet Johns Hopkins in a special one-mile relay race to-morrow night, while twelve men will compete in the individual events, including Tewahna, the famous Marathon runner, who will try to win the five-mile special; Two Hearts, the crack half-mile; and Moses Friday, the crack hurdler. The Indians will appear on the floor robed in their yellow and red blankets, and that they will make an interesting as well as picturesque sight cannot be doubted.

## Select Georgetown Relay.

Georgetown's relay team is about decided upon now, and will be chosen from the following men: Rice, Gibbs, Martin, Schlosser, Boerstein, and Maher. The trials run yesterday by Martin and Schlosser were very fast and have given the Georgetown rosters hopes of a victory over the crack four from Virginia. The work of Martin in his trial was the feature of the year's indoor work at Georgetown. The little adonai had run the fastest trial ever known at Georgetown, with the exception of the famous Bill Holland, in 1903.

As to the big race, the Southern championship at present favors Virginia, but it is thought that by the time the men toe the mark for the start of the most important race run between Southern colleges during the year, Georgetown will at least be an equal favorite, as the Blue and Gray's strength is not known this year, the locals holding back all season with this race in view.

Boxing will be a feature of the training of Princeton's football candidates. Young Josephs, the best light-weight in England now, is getting ready to visit America.

Johnny Coulon vs. Monte Attell is a card for which Jim Coffroth, of San Francisco, is angling.

The mayor of Spokane has put his foot down on the proposed bout between "Boomer" Weeks and Doc Roller.

Burns and Johnson are likely to meet again, this time in London, according to a well-informed English flat writer.

Gus Ross, of Boston, and Billy Clark, of Lawrence, will be the attraction at the Pastime A. C., Portland, Me., next Saturday.

The popularity of boxing in Philadelphia is shown by the fact that the schedule for the week called for about thirty-six bouts with a total of 25 rounds.

Mickey Gannon has no easy task assigned him for to-morrow night, when he is to face "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson in a ten-round bout in New York.

Ray Bronson, who meets Freddy Welsh at New Orleans to-night, is one of the Western stars the Army A. A., of Boston, hopes to secure for an early date.

Billy Herman, the clown comedian boxer of New York, has a rival in little Johnny Glover, of Boston. Last week the Bostonian made quite a hit with his funny style.

George Siddons, who was a star featherweight when the present top-notchers were in rompers, has turned up in Cleveland, declaring that he has several good fights left in him.

Tommy Burns' brother, Eddie Bruso, has gone to Sydney at the request of the ex-heavyweight champion. Bruso has told friends in San Francisco that he may open a hotel in Australia.

"Young" Ernie, of Philadelphia, has posted a forfeit of \$300 for a return match with Freddy Welsh, of England. Ernie has parted from his manager, "Billy" McCarnes, because of a disagreement which they had while in New Orleans.

Kid Goodman has been matched to box Young Corbett at Schenectady, N. Y., next Tuesday night. Goodman figures that as he practically stopped the former champion at Chelsea two years ago, he will have little trouble in getting the award in the coming bout.

At the Army Club of Boston next Tuesday night the programme will be: Pete Williams, of Everett, vs. Bob Lee, of Boston, six rounds; Angus McDougall, of South Boston, vs. Willie McDonald, of Cambridge, six rounds; Peck Lefavor, of Brockton, vs. Kid Sheehan, of Manchester, N. H., six rounds; Al Kubiak and Sandy Ferguson, twelve rounds.

## A Generous Estimate.

The other-people's-business man persisted in trying to extract information from a prosperous looking elderly man next to him in the Pullman smoker.

"How many people work in your office?" he asked. "Oh," said the elderly man, getting up and throwing away his cigar, "I should say, at a rough guess, about two-thirds of them."

From the Editor.

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## COLUMBIA A. C. IS IN LINE A. A. U. SUSPENDS ATHLETES

Manager Maurice O'Connor Plans Fast Aggregation.

Departmental Leaguers Sign Crack Local Talent—Several Important Games Are Booked.

Manager Maurice O'Connor, of the Columbia Athletic Club, promises to put a baseball team in the field during the coming season that will be strong contenders for honors in the Departmental League. The Columbia team has always been a strong factor in amateur baseball leagues in the city. With all of last year's men practically signed for the coming season, and several new men available to fill the weak positions, the prospects for placing a winner in the field are exceedingly bright.

Gallagher and Smith, last year's crack battery, will be in line at the start, and promise to be heard from during the season. Many baseball authorities doze this pair out as one of the strongest batteries in the city, and consider them capable of holding their own against any amateur aggregation in this part of the country. Last season they worked in the fast Suburban as well as the Departmental League, and came out on the better end in the majority of games in which they figured. Litchfield, Gordon, Meister, of last season's team, along with Hubbert, and copeland, of last year's nine, will have to fight it out for places with several new men, whose names have not as yet been given out, but who are practically signed. The new men, who last year played with another team of the Departmental League, are touted as heavy hitters and fast fielders, and possessed of good baseball sense.

Immediately after adoption of the Departmental League schedule, Manager O'Connor will arrange an extensive schedule of preliminary games with local as well as out of town teams. He has practically clinched deals with Walbrook Athletic Club, Sparrows Point, and Mount Washington, of Baltimore; Winchester, Va.; Maryland Agricultural College, and a number of Washington teams. Although the date for the initial contest has not been decided on, it will probably be pulled off the early part of the coming month.

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